### GOSSIP FROM THE CAPITAL. WISE AND FOULISH DOINGS IN FASH-IONABLE WASHINGTON.

The Superfiners Ten-Party Call-Shall the Ladies Call on the Chinese Minister;— Social Occurrences of the Last Week,

The national capital is not in the gloom of sackcloth and ashes. Far from it. Of course. Ash Wednesday found everybody in church, penitent and proud to wear shabby clothes all through Lent. Some of the worshippers came near being late at their devotions, for a fashionable ball held a good many society people over from Shrove Tuesday night well into Ash Wednesday morning. In Washington no Shrove Tuesday night is ever long enough for the half that gets crowded into it. There is al-ways a deal more of churchgoing in Lent. when the weather is favorable—that is, when it is so bad that the society people have no heart to go

But it looks now as if the backbone of winter was really broken, and the fine sunny days are inspiring. Instead of Lenten gloom there is nshine and pasteboard activity everywhere. alls must be returned even in Lent, for there anotime to return them out of Lent. It is true, few people are receiving this week, and cards are left at the door. If there is too much delay at the door, the footman puts the card under the door, the visitor in her carriage crosses the name off her list, and "that's done, thank heaven!" It looks heartless, but it is not. It is the inevitable. No hostess can re-turnalicalls in person, taking in the delays at Washington hotels and boarding houses, with-out wearing herself out, body and temper. It is a physical impossibility. And if there is no hope of seeing people until after 4 or 5 o'clock, as fashion decrees in Lent, then tucking the card under the door with heavenly gratitude is

perfectly justifinble. There is a good deal of proper, sensible etiquette in official circles, and no end of honest, conscientious, social work that is a pleasure. But, on the other hand, there is a vast deal of nonsense and pitiable snobbery constantly gropping out. There are few women in the diplomatic circle who hold to a regular day for receptions. They have followed their own custom of receiving after 5 o'clock every day. They do not consider these informal two hours before dinner as general receptions, but simply employ them to see friends. As they do not open their houses to the public at all, the rule is a sensible one as they apply it. But when American women must needs adont it

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groom.

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Representative and Mrs. Glover gave a din-

ner to Mrs. Scanlan of St. Louis. Ex-Secretary and Mrs. McCulloch gave a dinner to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gordon. Justice and Mrs. Blatchford, and Senator and Mrs. McPherson also gave Shrove Tuesday dinners.

On Thursday Mrs. Gordon McKay gave a luncheon of twelve covers.

In the evening Mr. Henry Edwards of the British Legation gave a dinner to Senator Evarts, Senator Palmer, Senator Jones, Representatives Phelps and Reed, Mr. Barnett, Col. Hay, Admiral Rogers, Mr. Cochran, Admiral Franklin, and Joseph Chamberlain. The cards have the British and American flags painted on them.

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The Swedish Minister and his wife gave a dinner on Wednesday evening to Mrs. Lawrence, Miss Lucy Frelinghuysen, Miss Loring, Miss Howells, Mrs. Townsend, Mr. Lee, M. Koustan, Mr. Spring Rice, M. Zznaga of New York, Mr. Ibsen of the Swedish Legation, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Edmondes.

On the same evening Secretary and Mrs. Endicott gave a charming reception in honor of President and Mrs. Eliot. The reception followed the Howard alumni dinner given in the early evening at Wormley's.

The wife and daugniter of the late Gen. Kilpatrick are in Washington for a few weeks.

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Miss Van Vechten of Albany is the guest of Mrs. Goldaborough, and, after a fortnight's visit, will go to New York to visit Miss Hose Elizabeth Cleveland.
Miss Emma Folsom, cousinof the President's wife, completes her visit at the White House on Tuesday morning, when she will return to Buffalo. It is her first visit to Washington, and Mrs. Cleveland has made it more than ordinarily pleasant. Miss Folsom is tail, like Mrs. Cleveland, and more slender, but there is very little resemblance save in the bright expression when talking, and the frank manner natural to both. Marshal Wilson's daughter. Miss Mary Wilson, gave a luncheon to-day to guests asked to meet Miss Folsom. The table flowers were pink tulips, and the guests were Miss Willard. Miss Owens, Miss Carroll, Miss Brewn, Miss Deering, Miss McCullough, and Miss Cullen.
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One of the notable receptions of the week was given by Dr. and Mrs. Sowers at their large and beautiful new house on New York avenue on Tuesday evening. The parlors were thronged from 9 to 12 with people distinguished in social, political, and scientific circles. There was music and dancing for the young people and refreshments were served. The nouse is adapted for large gatherings, and the occasion was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. There were several Ash Wednesday dinners given without wines. Senator and Mrs. Morrill gave a dinner without wines, at which some of the guests were Senator and Mrs. Frye, Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Bowen and Miss Rowen. Senator and Mrs. Spooner entertained at dinner on Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Anderson of Miwaukoe, and Mr. Taylor and Mr. Murphy of Madison. Senator and Mrs. Chandler also gave a dinner party on Wednesday. On Friday evening dinners were given by Secretary and the Misses Bayard and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Edwards of the British Legation gave a dinner this evening in honor of Mr. von Aivensleben, the German Minister. Gen. and Mrs. Nicholas Anderson gave a dinner this evening. On Monday evening Mr. Gardiner Hubbard will give a 4 to 7 o'clock tas. Mrs. Hicks-Lord is the guestof Countess Exterhazy, and was with her to-day paying Saturday calls. The Grand Army fair to be opened on the 22d promises to be very attractive. The Senators wives are actively interested in its success. A fortnight later there will be another entertainment to aid the Homeconathic Hospital, for which the Kirmess was given on two successive seasons. This time it will be something "new under the sun." in Washington, at least, and is to be called "Shakesperoan pantomime." One act from oach of twelve plays will be given in pantomime. Of course many of the protilest and cloverest young women in Washington are in the cast.

GEN. HAIGHTS BOLD PLMA.

A part of the history of Gen. Charles Haight, the Prosecutor of the Monmouth County Pleas, who has been scouring New Jersey for Pete Dowling, the murderer of old Robert Hamilton, is that he was a law partner of Joel Parker and a member of Congress. Here is some more of it: One day before he was elected to Congress be went down to what was then Upper Squankum, but is now Farming-dale, on a gunning excursion. He had met with indifferent success when he came to the farm adjoining that of Jacob Van Note. Meeting a resident of the vicinity, the General re marked that game was scarce, and received for reply the remark that there was " plenty of

marked that game was scarce, and received for reply the remark that there was "plenty of game on Jakey Van Note's," and the information, "but he won't let you gun on him!"

"Oh, I guess he will," replied the General.
"No he won't," was the rejoinder, "and he'll have you arrested quicker'n you can say seat if you try it."

"Well, I'll try it, any way," said the General, and he did. He had not gone more than half over one field when Uncle Jakey saw him and before he had been hunting an hour a constable arrested him. The General did not offer any protest, but accompanied the officer and Mr. Van Note to Justice Brinley, chasting with both constable and farmer as he went along. Arrived at the Justice's office, he was accused of trespassing, and 1st once denied the allegation, to the surprise of Justice, constable, and farmer.

"Why, Mr. Haight, you were ce rtainly on Mr. Van Note's premises," said Justice Brinley, "I deny it; I was on my own property," replied the lawyer, indignantly. Mr. Van Note's premises, said Justice Brinley, "I deny it; I was on my own property," replied the lawyer, indignantly. Mr. Van Note's premises," and it the General was firm in the stand he had taken.

"May it please the Court," he said, "I plead it in the land, and if the Crurt cannot try ilis case, as it certainly cannot, it must go to a higher tribinnal."

Atter this the General sat down upon a convenient chair and bogan to fond to his dog.

"Of course," remarked Justice Brinley, "I cannot try a land title, and the case will have to go to Freehold." Mr. Van Note, after looking at the lawyer and taking his dimensions, turned to the Justice and inquired: "How much will it cost me at Freehold, 'Squire'?"

"Well that depends upon who you have for a lawyer and how much you pay him," replied the Justice, "The General arose, walked slowly over to Mr. Van Note, and, looking him stra tht in the ease through for you."

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### A Providence Thentre Borned.

PROVIDENCE, Feb. 18 .- At 12:05 this morning a fire was discovered from the street near the front of the stage of the Theatre Comique, a wooden building at Wey bosset and Orange streets. For some time the flames, which burned flercely, were confined to the back part of the house, but soon spread across the roof and reached the galler; and upper portion of the front of the building. They were met, however, by the firemen, who poured continuous streams of water into the building from all sides, and at no time did the fire get beyond their control. The scene around the building was an exciting one, and was height

beyond their control. The seens around the building was an exciting one, and was heightened by the presence of a large number of the members of Lillie Clay's buriesque company, all women, who were frantically crying for their cestume trunks, which were in the theatre. Mr. Sam Jack, manager of the company, was trying to convince the women of the impossibility of entering the building, and finally induced them to return to their hotel.

The stage, most of the dressing rooms, the boxes and roof, are destroyed, with a portion of the clastrs in the front rows. The gallery, while still standing, is in such a condition that it must be pulled down, and the theatre will have to be practically built over again. The Telegraph House, adjoining on Weybosset street, was burned in the upper stories, and Harry McDonald's saloon in the rear suffered by fire and water. The main loss was in the theatre building. Manager Magee estimates his loss at \$15,000, on which he has \$6,500 in surance. The loss on costumes and wardrobes will amount to \$2,000, on which there is no in surance. Prof. Rhinehart's violit. valued at \$1,000, was burned. The losses suffered by the proprietors of the stores under the theatre will aggregate about \$14,000.

A Stay for Beason. The counsel for Charles Benson, alias Burton, who is in Ludlow street jall awaiting extradition to Mexico for selling fraudulent Patt opera tickets, has secured a stay of proceedings from the United States Supreme Court. The Mexican Government's representative in this city has been served with notice that the case will be argued in Washington before Judge Blatchford, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Boston, Feb. 18.—The Metropolitan Board

of Police, in executive session to-day, increased the fees for liquor licenses to \$1,000 from \$500 for all retnilers. The three grades of licenses of the first class are raised from \$300, \$500, and \$350, to \$1,000. \$600, and \$400, respectively. Licenses of the second class are raised from \$175 to \$200. Unless the number of licenses falls off, this will get over \$75,000 into the treasury.

ANTE-WAR INCIDENT. HOW BUCHANAN'S DISLOYAL FINAN-

CIAL SECRETARY WAS REMOVED,

And the Proceeds of the Government Lonn of December, 1860, was Saved from Be-ing Transferred to the Confederate States. BUFFALO, Feb. 18 .- The Commercial Adveriser to-day publishes the following interesting historical correspondence between George S. Coe of New York and ex-Congressman E. G.

AMERICAN EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK, 128 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, Feb. 14, 1888. My Draw Sin: As all incidents of the civil war are now of historic interest. I have thought it worth our while to recall some particulars relating to the financial portion which has received but partial attention. In thinking of earlier matters I recall very vividly

the fact of your journey from Washington to New York, and our meeting you one morning at the Bank of Commerce, to confer about the payment of the Gov-ernment loan, which our bank in New York had taken ernment loan, which our bank in New York nad taken in connection with Baring Bros. & Co., London, and had paid in part, when it was discovered, or suspected, that Thomas (then Mr. Buchanan's Secretary of the Treasury) was to transfer the money into the Confederate region, where it would be captured by the enemy. The region, where it would be captured to the way and question for us to consider was, whether we should pay or default upon the balance. Upon that question we sent Mr. Noses Taylor, John C. Green, and A. A. Low to Washington to confer with Mr. Buchanan. I feel quite confident that you were the trusted agent to confer with us on the subject, and it resulted in the appointment of Gen. Dix to be Secretary of the Treasure, when we paid the money. Can you give me full particulars of this in-cident, date, and what loan it was? If se, it may be well to preserve it as history. I don't know if I shall ever get time to do so, but I desire to write a financial sketch of those interesting days from a New York stand-point. I am the only man here left who can do it. With very kind regards and pleasant memories, I remain, my

flear sir, very truly yours.

Hon. E. C. Sraviding, Buffalo, N. Y., Mr. Spaulding replied as follows:

BUPPALO, Feb. 17, 1888.

Mr. George S. Che.

Mr. Dean Sirk. Your kind and friendly letter of the since it has been desired. It is a found that since it has been desired. It is a found that since it has been deal the since it is not since it is

You took an active and important part in subsequent loans during the rebellion, including the Bank bill. Legal-tender act, and all other financial measures which carried us through the fiery ordeal to the consolidation of the national union of all States, North and South, with "one country and one destiny."

With kind regards, I remain very truly your old friend.

E. G. SPAULDINO.

Money the Gas Companies Get from the City The Aldermen's Committee on Law yestorday heard arguments on the proposition now before the Board to repeal the ordinance passed in 1885 by which the gas companies are passed in 1885 by which the gas companies are reimbursed by the city for expenses incurred by the companies in replacing their pipes and mains when the grade of streets is changed after the pipes are put down. Large sums have been received by the companies from the city to reimburse them for such changes, and Corporation Counsel Beekman has expressed an opinion favoring the repeal.

Representatives of nearly all the gas companies were present, and opposed the repeal on the ground that it would be unjust to the companies, since they are compelled to lay their pipes in many ungraded streets.

Gen. Newton sent a jetter in favor of the repeal. The committee is to meet again on the subject.

thurges Against a Bookkeeper.

Isaac Reiger, on complaint of George C. Boorum of 30 Reade street, was held in the Tombs Court in \$2,000 yesterday for examina-Tombs Court in \$2,000 yesterday for examina-tion on a charge of forgery. The complainant is the senior member of the firm of Boorum & Fease, blank book manufacturers and the pris-oner has been their bookkeeper. He lives at 252 Ridge street. Brooklyn. A few days ago he was ill, and while at home the firm employed an expert accountant to look over his books. It is alleged that a shortage of about \$1.500 was also overed. The bookkeeper is charged with making falso entries for that amount during the past few months and appropriating the money to his own use.

Capt, Brown's Charges. LOUSIVILLE, Feb. 18.—Col. M. Lewis Clark said to-day with regard to the charges by Capt. said to-day with regard to the charges by capt.

Brown against the Dwyers and the pool sellers that he would call the Executive Committee together, and hold an investigation either next week or early the following week. Pail Dwyer will be here to meet any charges. POLICEMAN MARKS SHOT.

Bays he Did It Himself, Accidentally, but Others Hint that his Wife Did It. Policeman John Marks of the Adams street station. In Brooklyn, after being on re-serve duty all night, returned to his home in the little frame building at 164 Pearl street, where he lived with his wife, Eliza Marks, and Miss McNamee, his stepdaughter, about 956 o'clock yesterday morning. In about an hour Mrs. Marks was seen hurrying from the house without hat or shawl and in a very excited condition. In a few moments she returned with Dr. Cowan, whom she had summoned to attend her husband, who she said had shot

himself and was dying.

Sergeant McCarty of the Sands street station heard of the shooting, and, with Policeman Larkins, hurrled to the Pearl street house.

The Sorgeant says: "I found Marks in bed with a bullet wound n the left side. I asked him how he received he injury. and he said, 'Let it go, Mike.' I found two revolvers upon the floor, about two feet from the bed where Marks was lying. One of the revolvers, a self-cocker, was leaded, and the other, an old-fashiened weapon, had four full cartridges and one empty one, and Marks said to me, 'That is the one that done it.' I asked him to tell me how the accident cecurred, but he refused to give any particulars. Mrs. Marks admitted that she and her husband had a quarrel after his return from the station, but she insisted that the shooting was accidental."

Ambulance Surgeon Manaton found that the builet entered the left side a couple of inches below the heart, took an upward course, probably plercing the lower end of the lung, and, coming out at the back, lodged in the wall at the foot of the bed.

The injured man was taken to the Cumberland Street Hospital, where the physicians agreed that the wound was not necessarily fatal. Coroner Roosey took his ante-mortem statement in the afternoon. Marks said:

"This morning, when I was cloning my revolver, it was accidentally discharged, and the builet entered my side. The words that I had with my wife this morning had no bearing on the shooting. It was purely accidental."

This statement differs materially from that made by his wife after his removal to the hospital. She said:

"The self-acting revolver lay on the top of the bureau in the bedroom, It was the one he carried. There was another revolver, which belonged to his brother Edward, who was also a policeman, and died a few years ago, in one of the drawers, I took out this revolver and was handling it when my husband told me to put it back as I knew nothing about such weapons, and it might go off and hurt some one. I paid no attention to him, and he ran toward me, selzing me by the wrist. He tried to wreat the revolver from me, and in the struggle it went off and he was shot. The revolver was not cocked when he told me to put it way."

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The friends and his wife lived happily together.
Marks is a Hebrew and one of the finest-look-ing men on the force. He is 33 years old, com-pactly built, with dark hair and dark, piercing eyes. His wife is 37 years old and stout, and was a widow, with a daughter 13 years old, when he married her seven years ago. Mrs. Marks's first husband was John McNamee, who was one of several persons killed by a rapid transit motor running into their coach on At-lantic avenue while returaing from a funeral. Mrs. Marks's daughter was in the lower part of the house when the shooting occurred.

AN ART UNIVERSITY. John Ward Stimson Develops his Pinn-\$1.200 Subscribed for a Start. Mr. John Ward Stimson, until recently nanager of the Metropolitan Museum Art Schools, made an address yesterday afternoon in Chickering Hall on behalf of his proposed University for Artist Artisans. The address was delivered in response to an invitation from E. C. Moore of Tiffany & Co.; Cottler & Co.; Mrs. C. Wheeler, hend of the "Associated Artists;" Richard Watson Gilder of the Century Magazine; Fred S. Church, Wm. M. Chase, C. Y. Turner, Thos. W. Dewing, J. Alden Weir, Frederick Dielman, Frank Waller, Carl Hirsch-Frederick Dielman, Frank Waller, Carl Hirschberg, and others. The Rev. R. Heber Newton introduced Mr. Stimson. Mr. Stimson, after saying that he had left the Metropolitan Museum Schools because he had been discourte-ously treated, and because of the neglect of those in authority to supply money for annual expenses, or even means of warming the rooms, developed his plan for a university. "I propose that there be two Boards, one distinctly professional and the other distinctly financial. I do not ask to appoint those who will teach you. At your pleasure I will take my former position in the new institution, and would suggest that Mrs. C. Wheeler be put at the head of the textile department, and Mr. Olin Warner take charge of the sculpture class. I would suggest that two instructors be chosen, that they select a third, and the three a fourth, until the corps is complete. Each department must be free to act for itself. We will teach drawing, coloring, textiles, sculpture, architecture, glass staining, metal work, wood carving, onbinet designing, tiles, ceramies, lace, and other things as they suggest themselves.

"Hook to three classes of donors to start our work. First, the class that is represented by Mr. Corcoran, Leland Stanford, and Goy, Alger; then to people who could give \$500 or perhaps smaller amounts; and, thrilly, to the scholars, who will be asked to give \$25 a year for this instruction. You ask what material you will work with. If we can do no other way, I shall work with. If we can do no other way, I shall berg, and others. The Rev. R. Heber Newton who will be asked to give \$25 a year for this instruction. You ask what material you will work with. If we can do no other way, I shall ask the city for art materials until we get on our feet. A person giving \$500 will become a life patron, with the privilege of sending one student every year. One thousand dollars will make a patron in perpetuity, whose right to send a student will descend to his heirs. All contributions will be given only on condition that we get enough to run the first year. One thing I stipulate. I will take no part in a stock compuny." One contributions of \$1,000 and another of \$200 have been received. It is expected that Mr. Lafarge will take charge of the stained glass department and Mr. Tillany of the department of interior decoration.

Both Women Want the Captain. MIDDLETOWN, N.Y., Feb. 18 .- Capt. George Clark is the young commander of the canal-boat Happy-go-Lucky, which, during the season of navigation, ploughs the waters of the Delaware and Hudson Canal between Honesdale and Rondout. Recently the gallant Captain took to himself as a wife the daughter of a Deer Park farmer, like himself young and good looking. He had barely entered on the joys of the honeymoon when he was rudely confronted with a summons to appear before Judge Alier-ton at Port Jervis, and answer a charge of dewith a summons to appear before Judge Allerton at Port Jervis, and answer a charge of desertion and non-support preferred by another young woman, claiming to be his lawful wife.

The other young woman, who, as a maiden, was known by the name of "Lizzie Barnes," was brought into court to establish her claim upon the Captain. She showed a mutually written marriage agreement and a big bundle of gushing love letters that had been luterenanced between them. The Captain shamefacedly admitted his share of the farvid love notes and a cohabitation with the plaintiff for a couple of years, but he stoutly denied the genuineness of his alleged signature to the marriage contract, and protested that he had made no promise or engagement of marriage whatever, After a three days hearing of contradictory testimony the Court decided that there was no sufficient proof of a legal marriage between plaintiff and defendant, and dismissed the complaint. The fair plaintiff is dissatisted with the judgment, and now proposes to take her claims into the Supreme Court for adjudication in the form of a suit for divorce.

Labor Troubles and Politics

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 18 .- Five members of the Democratic Executive Committee for this district met last night to receive representatives of the different labor organizations who rished the committee to attempt a settlement of the trouble between the Courier-Journal and Times and the members of Typographical Times and the members of Typographical Union No. 10. Resolutions were presented to the committee asking it "to induce the publishers of these papers to recognize and resembley honest organized home labor; and it they refuse to do so, for your committee to formally and publicly declare the said 'rat' papers no longer organs of your party."

Chairman Shirley asked if the committee tried to carry out the wishes of the workingmen and falled in its purpose, what then would be the position of the laboring men toward the Democratic party. The sanswer was that it the committee refused to interfere in the matter or falled in its mission the trouble would be laid before the State Central Committee, and in turn before the National Democratic Committee.

No New Trial for Cashier Hopkins.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 18 .- The argument for a new trial and for arrest of judgment in the new trial and for arrest of judgment in the case of Benjamin E. Hopkins, late cashier of the Fidelity Bank, was held to-day, Judge Sage overruled both motions, and said Mr. Hopkins would be sentenced when he was well enough to appear in court. The prisoner is very sick in jail, and says he expects to die there.

Pauper Bussian Cont Miners. One hundred Russian Poles, all coal miners, arrived at Castle Garden yesterday, bound for Shamokin. in the coal regions. The average amount of money among them was \$4, and twenty-six of them were even without that. They were detained by Collector Magons, and whi dopptiess be returned as paupers. CIVIL STRIFE IN THE ARMY

RIVAL FACTIONS OF SOLDIERS FACE TO FACE IN A JUSTICE'S COURT.

id Sergeant Browne of David's Island Libet Private Sheridan of Willett's Point?

—Browne Refuses to Swear that he Rimbelf is Not a Perjurer, or to Tell How Many Other Names he has Gone Under,

A court room full of soldiers was presided over by Judge T. C. Mackenna at Whitestone. L. I., yesterday. Col. Frederick E. Trotter, of the Fourteenth Regiment, United States Army. stationed at David's Island, and delegations of officers and men from that post and from Wil-Harry Browne of Company A. David's Island was examined on a charge of malicious libel on Private Frank Sheridan of Willett's Point The alleged libel consisted in this communication, which appeared on Nov. 27, 1887:
To the Eprico of vine Herald: Having read a letter fryour paper of Nov. 25, 1887, written by one Sheridan of Willett's Point, I would say in reply that the above named party came to David's Island in the latter part of March, 1867. While statemed here he was continually in trouble, spending a large portion of the time is the guard house, a punishment he justly deserved. What sounds worse to an American than to stand by and have

a foreigner talk disrespectfully of this country, especially one who deserted the army of his own country, an SERGEANT HARRY BROWNE, Co. A. David's Island. This letter was an answer to a prior commu-nication from Sheridan, in which he said. among other things, speaking on the subject of desertions from the army: "It is the best men will not allow them to submit to the most grind-

who desert—men whose courageous disposition will not allow them to submit to the most grinding tyranny."

Brown was represented by his superior officer, Col. Trotter, while Counsellor L. W. Ensign appeared for Sheridan.

Sheridan was the first witness. He is a slim man, with a scanty sandy moustache and hair of the same hue. He said he was 29 years old, and was now stationed at Willett's Point, but had formerly been at David's Island. He admitted having been in the guard house about three times prior to the publication of the article complained of. He was put in once for refusing to drill. For what reason he was locked up the two other times he could not remember. In all three weeks of the four months he was at the post were spent "in confinement."

At this Browne and his friends smiled broadly, while Sheridan's allies scowled.

Sergoant Browne took the stand in his own defence. He is a handsome fellow of twenty-four, with a black moustache and well-knit figure—a typical soldier.

"I certainly wrote the article," he said, "and did it for the public good in defence of the service to which I belong. It was in reply to an attack on the system."

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"I know Sheridan by sight, for when I was corporal of the guard I had him in charge. He was in the guard house twice to my knowledge; he might have been confined oftener without my knowing it. The statements in Sheridan's article are absolutely false."

Sergeant Browno said that his letter was actuated not through malice, but to refute a false accusation against the service.

"When you wrote it did you believe the truth of all you said in it?"

"I did." was the emphatic reply.

On cross-examination Browne said he had been six years in the army, and had been in the service before he enlisted at David's Island. His first enlistment was at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. At David's Island he enlisted as a recruit.

"Now," asked Counseller Ensign." did you.

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Now." ssked Counsellor Ensign. "did you not then per une yourself by making affidavit that you had never previously enlisted?"

"I decline to answer: if Iddd I would have to disclose private matters which I wish to concent, not, however, because of disgrace."

There were murmurs of "Descrier:" from the Sheridan crowd at this answer. Instructed to reply to the question by the Court, Browne said:

"I decline to answer because it would dograde me, I was never dishonorably discussed. nor did I ever tell Boyle so."

What other name have you than Browne?" asked counsel.

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Sergeant Dominick McGrath of Company B. David's Island, was hissed by Sheridan's friends until the stone mason's mallet, which did duty as a gavel, fell upon the desk and the Judge threatened to clear the room. McGrath said he had Sheridan under his command four months, during which time he knew of him heing justly confined in the guard house twice. The statements in Browne's letter were true with two exceptions."

Private George Raymond swore that he served in the same company with Sheridan on David's Island, and from April 19, 1887, until he was transferred he was a very worthless character. Previous to that his conduct had been fair. Private N. G. Smith of Willett's Point testified that Sheridan's character from March 18 till June I was bad.

Judge McKenna decided that a prima facie case had been made out and held Browne in \$250 for the Grand Jury. Bail was furnished by Col. Trotter. Col. Trotter said that he would apply for a change of venue to Westchester county in case Browne is indicted. Browne says that a Board of Inquiry was appointed to investigate this very charge, and he was honorably acquitted of all blame.

A PUG'S EYE KNOCKED OUT,

And the Pur's Owner will Give 830 to

Know who Did It. Mr. Charles Getshon of 134 Fifty-fifth street. Brooklyn, has inserted a notice in the papers offering a reward of \$20 for information leading to the conviction of the brute who knocked the eye out of a pug dog on Feb. 14. on econd avenue, between Fifty-fourth and Fiftyfifth streets," The injured dog, named Box, is an English pug, highly intelligent, and with a famous pedigree. He belonged to a German Count and was imported about eight months ago, and finally, about Christmas, bassed into the possession of Miss Kittle Getshon, the organist of St. Andrew's P. E. Church in Forty-seventh street. The dog was a great pet in the neighborhood, and there was general regret when Box returned home on Tuesday morning, after an hour's absence, with his face covered with blood and the right eye hanging on the cheek. Box received careful medical attention, but a sad change has come over his appearance. "Until his eye was knocked out," Miss Getshon said, "Box was beautiful and fat and his eyes were large and full of expression. At present his lace has the appearance of a prize lighter's physiognomy. I would not have felt half as badly if the dog had been killed. I will get a ginas eye for Box if he can be induced to wear it." famous pedigree. He belonged to a German wear it."

Several valuable dogs belonging to residents of the neighborhood have been poisoned of inte, and bills offering rewards for the apprehension of the murderer of the casines have been posted extensively around.

A Benefit to Tony Hart. The friends, the brother managers, and the many admirers of Tony Hart are arranging to give him a benefit at the Academy of Music on Thursday, March 15. The suggestion first made by Messrs, Robson & Crane, N. C. Goodwin, William J. Florence, and others has been heartily taken up by other managers actors, and theatrical people in this city and elsewhere, the long list including Mr. A. M. Palmer of the Madison Square Theatre, Mr. J. Wesley Rosenquest of the Fourteenth Street Theatre, Mr. T. J. Maguire, Mr. Gee, W. Lloyd, Mr. Frank W. Esawyer, and many others. The project is the outcome of a feeling among these gentlemen that some such recognition of the services Mr. Hart has rendered to the profession in his career should be made, and they have taken this method of showing their appreciation of them. The programme has not been fully decided on, but Messrs, Goodwin, Florence, and Robson & Crane will present some drama of Shakespeare, probably "Julius Caesar," Mr. Gilmore has donated the use of the Academy for the afternoon, and other managers have been equally liberal in contributions of anoney and their sorvices. The boxes will be sold at auction, and citizens of Worcester, Mass. Mr. Hart's native town, have signified their intention of purchassing one for \$1.000. The Board of Trade of Chicago will also sell a box at auction. actors, and theatrical people in this city and

Mr. Corbin's Figures Corrected,

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 18 .- John Norris, one of the editors of the Record, and who was the statistician of the Pacific Railroad Investigat ing Committee, to-day stated to the committee investigating the Reading strike that he had theroughly investigated the statement made by Mr. Corbin that the Reading Coal and Iron Company had mined 51,000,000 tens of coal from 1875 to 1885 at a loss of ever \$12,000,000, having paid \$57,000,000 to the miners and received but \$44,500,000 for their output. Mr. Norris queted the figures by years from 1876 to 1888 and said that the proceeds for that period had really been as shown by the company's own books. \$56,624,000, and thus the company had really received \$29,000,000 more than it had paid out. ing Committee, to-day stated to the comm

Proposed New County of Lincoln, CANANDAIGUA, Fob. 18. The citizens of Hornellsville, Steuben county, are endeavoring to secure a division of the counties of Steuben and Allegany and the formation of a new county called Lincoln. A bill will be in-troduced in the Legislature taking elevan towns from the western part of Steuben and five towns from the elestern part of Allegany for this purpose. Hornellsville will be the GOSSIP OF THE BALL FIELD.

The Players Getting to Work at Spring Practice—Other News. There will be considerable improvement

made to the Polo grounds this spring. The unsightly stands and fence will be covered with a coat of brilliant yellow paint. Heretofore the players furnished the paint that was used in the vicinity of the Polo grounds, but the club no longer contains men of that kind, so that the club managers will buy their own paint bereafter. It is time something was done to nake the grounds presentable.

Notwithstanding the fact that snow covere the ground, the bright sunny days of the past week brought out all the Harlem ball players. who have been hidden away all winter. the man who keeps the saloon near the Polo grounds, was sunning himself in front of his place the other day, when he suddenly yelled: Mine Gott, de spring haf come ; de spring ha come!" Every one in his place rushed out and looked down 110th street. Sure enough, there came the ball players advance guard, made up of the hangers on at the Pole grounds, who disappear with the last game in the fall, and never fall to come out with the first bright sunshine of spring.

Von der Ahe's contemplated European trip bids fair to prove a success if carried out as he has planned it. His idea is to make up two teams of minor League players, guarantee their expenses, and take them over on the cooperative plan—that is, if money is made or the trip, then they are to have a certain preent; if not, then they get nothing. But Mr. Day of the New Yorks and Mr. Von der he of St. Louis consider the plan a good one, and sure to pay.

The occasional warm weather has set all the ball players into practice for the oming season. The old and well-tried players but little trouble in getting into condition but the young player, who will play on a big lib next season for the first time, is straight every point so that he may be at his best when the bell on the grand stand announce the beginning of the first game of the seaso-

In regard to the rumored trable between the Brotherhood and the Lee us. President Daysays: "I don't think that sere will be any trouble. I understand that se Brotherhood players want the whole amout of their salary written in the contract, while the League rules forbid it; that is, in case ; player gets over \$2,000. The League is willing to do away with this rule; in fact, they have attempted to do so, I don't see how a change can be made this senson, but next season everything will be made all right."

A careful canvass among the League managers shows that the Fooklyn Club would like to get into the League, and the New York managers will hold out a their determination to fight such a move." Do you want a sure tip?" asked a well-known League manager the other day. "Well, yoi just say that if any Eastern club is admitted into the League it will be Baltimore, burl don't think that there will be any change in the make-up of the League clubs for thence that that two or three years to come. There is no doubt that two or three of the Association clubs yould like to get into the League if they could."

W. L. Lyons will succeed Zach Phelps as President of the Louisville Club. The stockholders of the club have all made known their willingness to vote for Mr. Lyons. Secretary Davidson was at first mentioned as the probable successor of Mr Phelps, but as the office is an onerous one, with no salary attached, and requires much time to properly perform its duties, Mr. Davidson, though appreciating the compliment, was forced by business considerations to decline the nomination.

Steve Brad, well known as the right-fielder of the old Meropolitan Club, has signed a contract to play with the Jersey City team this season.

ON SHREWSBURY ICK. Preparations for Defending the Champton-

ship Against the Hudson River Beats. REDBANK, Feb. 18 .- Crowds of fee yachtsmen are here from Milwaukee, New York, Brooklyn, and Hudson Rivertowns. Last night the North Shrewsbury Ice Yacht Club held a carrival on the river. It was participated in by thousands. Preparations are going on for the contest for the world cham-ponship. The pennant is now held by the Jack Frost of the Hudson River Club, at Foughkeepsie. J. Harrison Sanford, a wealthy resident of that city, is here inspecting the merits of the Scud, which will make the contest or the championship. Her best record is one and one-half miles in 50 seconds. The Northern Light will be pitted against the Soud, and the

Light will be pitted against the Soud, and the race will come off early at Poughkeepsis. The Soud is owned by James Weaver, the well-known fee yachtsman.

The triangular course here on the Shrewsbury River is the best in the country for ice yachting. When it snows it disappears sooner than elsewhere, and, being so near the coast, the winds are better. Only one day this season has there been insufficient wind for a race. There has been continual boating since Jan. 20, except three days.

The North Shrewsbury Club here has an active membership of over a hundred. It was organized in 1879, and is the strongest ice club in the country. J. J. Pierrepont of Brooklyn. William Cary Sangor of New York, Capt. George Coley, who commanded the Priscilla last summer, Senator Henry M. Nevins, and Commodore Bossell of New York are among the members.

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Norman Wright is here getting points as to the sailing of these yachts for the benefit of the Hudson River Club.

A race was run yesterday by the second-class boats of the North and South Shrewsbury Clubs. It was won by the Georgie in twenty-four minutes: distance, twenty miles. The Kittie and Leroy collided, and Capt, Elisha Price of New York was badly hurt.

Intercallerinte Locrosse Association The postponed meeting of the Intercollegiate The postponed meeting of the intercollegials.
Lacrosse Association was held yesterday at the Sturtevant House. Representatives were present from the
New York University, Princeton and Harvard Colleges, and the Stevens Institute. Harvard was awarded and the Stevens Institute. Harvard was awarded championship for 1887. Lehigh College was admitted the association. The election of officers resulted as lower. V. M. Harding, Harvard, President; B. Stevens Institute. Vice-President; C. M. Hapwood, Z. University, Secretary and Treasurer. The Except Committee consists of E. S. Griffing, Harvard; Ponsal, Princeton; W. C. Hawkins, Stevens Institut. K. Hects. Lehigh College; and C. M. Hapwood, except the consultance of t

Knocked Out in Two Round Jim Coyle and Ed McGillick fought Fly yes frim Coyle and Lot statement of the Coyle and Lot at the Coyle weighted 134 pounds and McGillio 132 pounds and McGillio 132 pounds when time was called for the second row Coyle rushed at McGillick and sent in both left and thon the face. McGillick feel to the foor in a bean awas unable to come to time. Coyle was declared the laner.

Sale of Mentucky Habreds.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Feb. 18.—rriy-four head of highbred trotters were sold at shua Barton's sais in Millerburg, Ky., to day, for giyfb, average \$250. Although most of the atock browt good prices, only the following sold fer \$1,000 and ver: Wikkes Desarrett, bay cold, if years by Simmon sam by Leuis Warneld, to J. D. Harwood of indianapy for \$1,000; Josie L., gray filly, \$4 years, by Sirsthmon, dam by Dariby, to F. D. Mitchell of Heisna, Ky., \$61,020.

The Great Sleep's Challenge Accepted. TO THE EDITON'S THE BUN-Sir: In reply to the challenge lead by James Debois on the 18th inst., I. William phon. commonly known as "Bill Siep," accept his fallenge to siesp 14th hours or more, as mentioned, Mars. Jacob Bates and Patrick McGlockilm will bagine for any sum from \$100 to \$500. HARLEN, Feb. WILLIAM BENSON.

Sporting Notes.

Oscar Field well-known horseman, died in Chicago Con Rile vas accepted a challenge from La Bianche, the Marin to fight six rounds with two-ounce gioves, at Dayton, 19, 20.

Dayton, yo. 22.

A six dys' bloycle race, with John S. Prince, Leuise Armanyh, and sight other contestants, will take place in Philadehia this week.

Mr. 4 France of Laxington, Ky., has sold to Mr. F. M. Tolls / Boston a two-year-old bay coit, by Wilton, dam by Wedburn Pilot, for \$1 000. Soakichi has challenged Joe Acton to a match at mind wrestling for \$500 a side, the contest to take plas within five weeks, at Philadelphia. To drive foal by the late famous Ban Fox appeared a M Haggin's Bancho del Paso farm last week. The foa way cot out of Hinston, by Alarm. He is said to be year promising formation. by hay colt out of Husion, by Alaxie.

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Jack Hopper's backer and Henry Umlah met at the horizing funcs office yesterday, and arrange a fight with skin stoke for the side and a purse of \$300, to take place of the side and a purse of \$300, to take place of the side and a purse of tall-forms and ack Hopper.

John McSahon beat Frank Whitmore in a Graco-Koman westing match in Chicago on Wednesday hight. He match was from position a purse of \$150, led horizontal and a few for position of the side of \$150, led horizontal and a few for both and a function of \$150, led horizontal was for both and hold in exactly \$10 minutes. Whitmore is an athletic fireman.

A Man Found Under the Bod. Adolph Barnholdt, the tall, elderly, welldressed man, who by representing himself as an agent of the Racine Wagon and Carriage Company of this city of the sacina wagon and carriage company of this city conditio from Mr. James Nathan and other persons in hydrigh, was arrested yesterday merning, he was gind under a bed in the Hotel de Whalchom, Grand, ear Bodner street, Williamsburgh. Justice Nacher faced him under \$1,000 to answer the complaints against him.

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## LOTHING. EDW. RIDLEY & SONS,

309, 311, 311 1-2 to 321 GRAND ST., S6 to 70 ALLEN, SD to 65 ORCHARD ST, EXTRADITION BY MAIN STRENGTH.

The Celtie was Technically British Sell, but That Didn't Help Porkins. Henry M. Perkins, who was a young clerk in Parkhurst's jewelry store at Somerville. Mass., robbed Parkhurst of \$2,500, went to Boston, and on Jan. 21 was married to a Boston

girl. Three days later be got from Jeweller William A. Smith of \$83 Washington street,\$500 worth of jewelry on memorandum. He came to New York, and, without his wife, took passage on the Celtic for Liverpool.

The Boston police informed Inspector Byrnes, and he cabled the Liverpool noilee. An English policeman boarded the Celtic at Queenstown, went on her to Liverpool, and remained on the steamer all the time the Celtic was at her pier, refusing to allow Perkins to land on the ground that he was an imported criminal.

When the Celtic sailed for New York the detective went back to Queenstown, and left her by the pilot boat. On the arrival of the Celtic here yesterday morning Detective Sorgeants Kush and Jacobs were at the White Star line pier, and arrested Perkins. worth of jewelry on memorandum. He came

Mr. Folev's Bookkeeper.

John Foley appeared in the Tombs Police Court yesterday to charge his bookkeeper, Clarence R. Foster, with making a false entry and appropriating \$65.13 to his own use. Mr. and appropriating \$50.13 to his own use. Art, Foley and three young men as witnesses to whom he claimed Foster had made a confession of his guilt. Upon the stand, however, Mr. Foley's witnesses failed to sustain Foley's charge. Mr. Foster pleaded not guilty, and said if there was a discrepancy in Mr. Foley's books it must be due to a clerical error. He furnished \$1,000 bail.

Breakfast in Honor of Judge Gray. Mr. Edward C. Perkins gave a breakfast yesterday morning at the Lawyers' Club to als late partner. Judge John Clinton Gray, who

has recently been appointed to fill the vacancy on the bench of the Court of Appeals, caused by the death of Judge Rinadlo. Among these present were Judges o'Brion, Van Frank Wal-lace, Burrett, Ingrabam, Allen, Mossrs, William Allen Butler, W. W. McFarlane, and J. A. Davenport. Lizzie Thursby's Abductors Held. The examination in the case of fifteen-year old Lizzie Thursby of 45 Douglass street, who it is a leged, was abdusted by Jeweller Edward Norro and Corset Manufacturer James J. Malons, was resumed be

fore Justice Walsh in Brooklyn yesterday. Mrs. Thir-by produced the family Bible in which there was a record showing that Lizzie was born on 0ct 2 Not2 Guunsel for the accused closely examined the sair? and claimed that there was evidence that it had been made recently. Morro and Malone waived examine-tion, and ware held to await the action of the Grand Jury.